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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL COMPLETION

SUBCONTRACTS

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1. SYRIAN PRESS JULY 6 REPORTED SIGNATURE OF L.S. 80 MILLION (\$20.5 MILLION) CONTRACT BETWEEN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION AND GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (GCC) FOR COMPLETION OF AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAIN PASSENGER TERMINAL AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. CIVIL WORKS ON TERMINAL COMPLETED TWO YEARS AGO, BUT FRENCH FIRM SPIE BATIGNOLLE WANTED CONTRACT COST INCREASE TO COMPLETE JOB. SYRIANS REFUSED AND HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING COMPLETION OF PROJECT WITH SEVERAL FIRMS.

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION FIRM WILL MEAN NECESSITY FOR FOREIGN SUBCONTRACTORS. MIN TRANSPORT NO'MAN ZEIN, WHO IS WELL TRAINED TECHNOCRAT AND CIVIL ENGINEER, TOLD EMB OFF JULY 8 THAT GCC WOULD NEED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT PROJECT

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AS COMPLETION OF TERMINAL AND CONSTRUCTION

PROGRAMMING REQUIRED ACTUALLY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN  
ORIGINAL CIVIL WORKS.

3. USDOC AND INFO POSTS: PLEASE NOTIFY INTERESTED  
U.S. FIRMS, INCLUDING MARKWARD AND KARAFILIS, DETROIT;  
BRODSKY, HOPF AND ADLER, NEW YORK; AND INTERNATIONAL  
PLANNERS AND DEVELOPERS, NEW YORK, WHO WERE THE THREE U.S.  
COMPANIES ORIGINALLY SHORTLISTED FOR AIRPORT TENDER  
(REFTEL).

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